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project outwardly beyond sleeve end 22. In other words, the tips 72 are displaceable relative to sleeve 12 and rod 28. As a result, the Ellis device is one in which measurements of the width of the medullary canal can be made at selected depths of the sleeve 12 within the canal (see col. 3, lines 51 et seq.).

The structure now more specifically recited in amended claim 1 is completely different from Ellis. More particularly, the fins provided at the ends of applicant's claimed elongated rod are non-displaceably fixed to project outwardly from the rod. It is this feature which permits applicant's device to form a centered bore in a femur as the elongated rod is advanced along the intramedullary canal.

Inasmuch as applicant's device, as now claimed, includes features not found in Ellis, it is urged that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of the remaining claims 1 and 3-5 and allow the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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